fishing sector has been received. However the same can be considered, as and when received.

Steps taken to arrest the declining marine shrimp resources

6651. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to arrest the trend of declining marine shrimp resources by reducing the number of deep sea trawlers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any optimum number has been fixed for annual operation of the coast of Visakhapatnam; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The data on the landing of shrimp resources is given below:

'000 tonnes

Year	Penaeid shrimp	Non-Penaeid shrimp	Total
1988	140	87	227
1989	138	90	228
1990	150	103	253
1991	173	115	288
1992	187	95	282

This data indicates that there is no declining trend in the total shrimp landings in India. However, in order to reduce the pressure on the already heavily exploited shrimp resources, introduction of new shrimp trawlers on the east Coast is not allowed. Deep sea fishing vessels intoduced under joint ventures, leasing and test fishing are also not permitted to operate in the shrimping grounds of North East Coast. Government also encourages diversified fishing by modification of existing trawlers in order to reduce the pressure on shrimp resources on the East coast and to improve the bio-economics status of this fishery.

(c) and (d) No Sir However, no increase in the present number of trawlers is permitted.

Prices of Sort Drinks

6652. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no statutory control on the prices of soft drinks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to control the prices of soft drinks in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c): There is no statutory control on the prices of soft drinks. However, it is expected that the availability of various brands and market competition will keep a check on the prices of soft drinks.

Promotion of Food Processing Industries in States

6653. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:
SHRI J.S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what action is being taken by Government to promote Food Processing industries in various States:

(b) whether loans or subsidies would be given for processing agencies;

(c) which State tops the list in processing industries; and

(d) what is the proposed allotment of finance to Tamil Nadu in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b) Besides delicensing almost all food processing industries and providing fiscal concessions for several food products, machinery for processing etc., the Ministry

is implementing various developmental plan schemes to promote food processing industries in the States under which financial assistance including loans and subsidies are extended to State Government Organisations, Joint sector Undertakings, cooperative sector units and Voluntary Agencies etc.

(c) Since food processing industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors, information regarding all food processing industries is not maintained centrally. However, as per available information, Maharashtra has a large concentration of food processing industries.

(d) The outlay approved for the 8th Plan for implementation of Plan schemes of the Ministry of Food processing Industries is Rs. 146 crores. No Statewise allocations is made as the assistances are provided on the basis of the project proposals received.

सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग

6654. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना करने के लिए सरकार को वर्ष-वार और जिले-वार कितने आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) सरकार ने उक्त आवेदन पत्रों में से कितने आवेदन पत्रों को अब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान की है और ऐसे उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिए कितने लाइसेंस जारी किए हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार 1994 के वर्ष के दौरान इस क्षेत्र में ऐसे उद्योगों की स्थापना करने के लिए लाइसेंस जारी करने का विचार रखती है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई): (क) से (घ): जुलाई, 1991 में उदारीकरण के बाद अल्कोहल युक्त पेयों के आसवन और किण्वन तथा लघु क्षेत्र के लिए आरक्षित मदों को छोड़कर अधिकांश खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को लाइसेंसमुक्त कर दिया गया है। तथापि जामनगर, राजकोट, भावनगर, जूनागढ़, अमरोली और सुरेन्द्रनगर जिलों के संबंध में फरवरी, 1994 तक 43 औद्योगिक उद्यमी ज्ञापन प्रस्तुत किए गए हैं जिनमें करीब 270 करोड़ रुपये का निवेश और करीब 5127 लोगों के लिए प्रत्यक्ष रोजगार निहित है। बीयर यूनिट की स्थापना के लिए प्राप्त एक आवेदन को राज्य सरकार की मद्यनिषेध की नीति के कारण अस्वीकृत कर दिया गया है।

Foreign exchange earnings in Food Processing Units

6655. SHRI J. S. RAJU : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total foreign exchange earnings in Food Processing Units export to other foreign countries for the year 1991 to 1993 year wise;

(b) which is the country who tops the list of import of our food processing goods;

(c) whether Government have got any specific future plans to expand the item of food processing industries; and

(d) if so. the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The total foreign exchange earnings of processed food products including Marine products during the years 1991 to 1993 are:

1990-91	Rs. 1707.61 crores.
1991-92	Rs. 2900.07 crores.
1992-93	Rs. 3449.59 crores.

(b) While United Arab Emirates tops the list of import of processed food products other the Marine products, Japan tops the list of import of Marine products from this country.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Government is encouraging investment in the food processing and deep sea fishing sector for expansion of quantity and range of food products for export as well as domestic market.